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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/667,656</b>	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>F. Stinson</b>
<b>Filing Date:</b>	<b>September 23, 2003</b>	<b>Art Unit:</b>	<b>1746</b>
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2006 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.